(b) whether Government agree with this view of the Commission; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The Annual Report of the National Human Rights Commission for the year 1997-98 along with Action Taken Memorandum has been laid on the Table of Rajya Sabha. The Action Taken Memorandum gives details of action initiated by the Government in eradicating illiteracy, poverty alleviation by generating more employment, specially in rural areas, in providing drinking water facilities, in improving rural sanitation, devising strategies for eliminating child labour and creating nutritional awareness at all levels.

Investigation of Murder Cases

4742. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some requests were received by his Ministry in October, 1999 to get murder cases investigated;

(b) if so, the details thereof, States and territory-wise;

(c) whether any replies to these requests stating latest position of the investigations have since been sent to complainants;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether his Ministry propose to prescribe some time limit to reply the complaints of investigation relating to murder cases; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) to (f) "Public Order" and "Police" being State subjects as per the Constitution of India, the registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crimes, including the investigation of murder cases, is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. The requests received by the Central Government for investigation of murder cases are forwarded to the concerned State Governments for further necessary action. No data is being maintained about the number of such requests received.